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*William H. Morrell<sup>1</sup> to Willie P. Mangum.*

EQUINUCK, WAYNE CO. PA

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Hon: W. P. Mangum  
Washington D. C.

Sir.

This is from Wm H. Morell, a person under so many obligations to you that he is unwilling to add to the number of them by compelling you to look to the bottom of this epistle to ascertain who is addressing you from a place having as barbarous a name as that at which this letter is dated.

Equinuck is in back woods of Pa. on the Deleware River &, I need not add, Locofoco, as is also the region on the opposite side of the river in New York, which is also the chief seat of Anti-rentism. On that side of the river my time is chiefly spent, being engaged in the service of the N. Y. & Erie Rl. Rd. as C. Engineer, my old profession. This is much more agreeable to me than the business of noting the doings of the representatives of the people at Washington, & watching & exposing the machinations of intriaguig & dishonest politicians. Nevertheless I feel anxious to know somewhat of what is being acted behind the curtain, & which does not meet the public eye through the ordinary channel; I mean the press. I am particularly anxious to know what are the objects & designs of this Administration in regard to the Mexican War. Is it to be a war of conquest? Is the area of *freedom* to be thus compulsorily extended? Are we to have in the Halls of Congress, men to legislate for us of the old thirteen, who must be the representatives of ignorance & barbarism, who can have no sympathy with the great mass of our people; who neither know our interests or would regard them if they did, & who may, &

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<sup>1</sup>See above, III, 401n.